

1. DATE - TIME GROUP  31 Oct 53 31/1955Z	2. LOCATION  ANNAPOLIS, MD
3. SOURCE  FIVE CIVILIANS	10. CONCLUSION     BALLOON (WEATHER BALLOON) Weather balloon launched at 1900Z from Annapolis, Md
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS  ONE	
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION  18 mins	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS  Small round obj extremely bright & shiny was observed at a stationary position, 70 deg elev and 90 deg az. Obj exploded in a burst of white smoke and broke into two halves. One half appeared to fall rapidly until out of sight and the second half appeared to fall more slowly.
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION  ground vis	
7. COURSE  - - -	
8. PHOTOS  <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE  <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	

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7. PAREN A PAREN CLEAR CMA BRIGHT DAY WITH NO CLOUDS. PAREN B PAREN ANNAPOLIS WEATHER AT 311930Z SURFACE 165 DEGREES AT 6 CMA WINDS ALOFT AT 311930Z. 6,000 - 340 DEGREES AT 20. 10,000 - 350 DEGREES AT 20. 15,000 - 360 DEGREES AT 30. 20,000 - 360 DEGREES AT 30. 25,000 - 360 DEGREES AT 35. PAREN C PAREN UNLIMITED. PAREN D PAREN EIGHT MILES. PAREN E PAREN NONE. PAREN F PAREN NONE.

3 CMA 9 CMA 10 NONE 11. UNKNOWN 12. EVALUATION POSSIBLE WEATHER BALLOON.

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DOWNGRADED AT 3 YEAR INTERVALS;  
DECLASSIFIED AFTER 12 YEARS.  
DOD DIR 5200.10

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JEPLG/COMDR TAC Langley AFB VA

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311955Z  
ANNAPOLIS, MD

~~RECORDED~~ FROM AFOIN 57877 FLYOBRPT. ATTN CLN ATIAA-2C.

1 PAREN A PAREN ROUND. PAREN B PAREN PEA AT ARMS LENGTH. PAREN C PAREN EXTREMELY BRIGHT AND SHINY WITH POSSIBLE RED CAST. PAREN D PAREN ONE. PAREN E PAREN NOT APPLICABLE. PAREN F PAREN EDGES CLEARLY DEFINED. PAREN G PAREN NONE. PAREN H PAREN NONE. PAREN I PAREN NONE.

2. SOURCE LOOKED UP TO OBSERVE A FLIGHT OF FOUR F-51S AND SAW OBJECT ABOVE THEM. PAREN B PAREN 70 DEGREES ELEVATION AT 90 DEGREES. PAREN C PAREN SAME. PAREN D PAREN MOTIONLESS. PAREN E PAREN OBJECT EXPLODED IN A BURST OF WHITE SMOKE AND BROKE INTO TWO HALVES. SOURCE OBSERVED ONE HALF FALLING RAPIDLY AND WATCHED IT UNTIL IT FADED FROM SIGHT HIGH IN THE AIR. THEN WATCHED SECOND HALF FALLING MORE SLOWLY UNTIL IT ALSO FADED HIGH IN THE AIR. PAREN F PAREN 15 MINUTES.

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3. PAREN A PAREN GROUND VISUAL. PAREN B PAREN SMALL JAPANESE BINOCULARS PAREN 3X10 PAREN WITH COATED LENS.

4. PAREN A PAREN 311955Z. PAREN B PAREN DAY.

5. NINE MILES DUE EAST OF ANNAPOLIS CMA MARYLAND.

6. PAREN A PAREN THE [REDACTED] CMA P [REDACTED] CMA E [REDACTED] CMA GAMBRILLS CMA MD CMA NEWSPAPER DISTRIBUTOR UNKNOWN RELIABILITY. PAREN B PAREN SOURCES WIFE. PAREN C PAREN MALE NEIGHBOR. PAREN D PAREN NEIGHBOR AND WIFE.

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